

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Pan et al.

Serial No.: 09/259,145

Filed: February 26, 1999

For: INTERMEDIATE STRUCTURE
HAVING A SILICON NITRIDE BARRIER
LAYER ENCAPSULATING A
SEMICONDUCTOR SUBSTRATE (as
amended)

Confirmation No.: 4919

Examiner: A. Mai

Group Art Unit: 2814

Attorney Docket No.: 2269-3027.2US
(96-0684.01/US)

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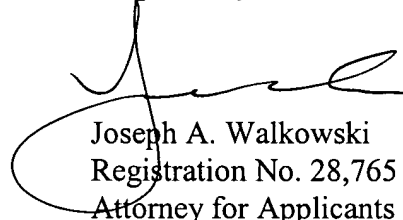
Applicants submit herewith Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal for the above-captioned application and a check in the amount of \$1,715.00 in payment therefor plus five (5) copies of the patent when issued.

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Respectfully submitted,



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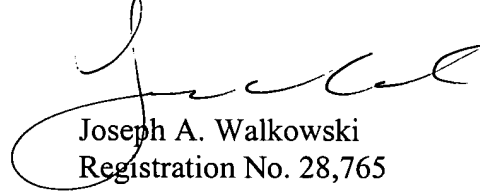
The Examiner indicates:

[T]he claims are allowed for the reason provided by the Board of Patent Appeal and Interferences.

Applicants concur with the reasons as stated by the Examiner insofar as they comprise a summary, and are exemplary and not limiting. Applicants note that the decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences only addresses the patentability of independent claims 25, 33,

39, and 46. However, the allowed claims also include dependent claims that recite other and further features and elements. Accordingly, the scope of the claims must be determined from the literal language of each as a whole, as well as equivalents thereof.

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